



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13-17, 2006 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

WHEREAS international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS by participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

WHEREAS I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006 as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 13th day of October, 2006.

Phil Bredesen

Governor

Riley C. Darnell

Secretary of State